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BOOK REVIEWS

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TUBERCULOSIS, ITS CAUSE, CURE, AND PREVENTION. By Edward O. Otis, M.D. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, Publishers, New York. Price, $2.00.

This is a revision of the popular book, *The Great White Plague*, which appeared about ten years ago. As the great crusade against tuberculosis has become so universal, people are everywhere eager to learn secrets of this world-wide disease. There is a distinct note of hopefulness in the book. The work with the children and the industrial work in mills, factories, etc., are perhaps the two most prominent lines of effort at present. Statistics show a decrease of fatalities from this disease. "The past success brings courage and hope and 'so long as we are fighting with hope,' says Sir William Osler, 'the victory is in sight.' "

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROBLEM. By Athel Campbell Burnham, M.D. The Macmillan Company, New York.

Perhaps the scope of this book can best be presented by quoting from the preface: "Public Health Nurses and practicing Physicians, who because of routine duties have been unable to follow the recent health literature, are sometimes handicapped in their work because of a lack of understanding of the modern movement toward the socialization of medicine. For such, and all others interested in the improvement of health conditions as part of a community welfare movement, this work is intended." The present health problem with the suggested relief measures are briefly yet clearly stated. We learn many interesting facts under such captions as "The Health of the Community"; "The Public Health Nurse"; "The Campaign for Better Health"; "Compulsory Health Insurance"; "Health Centers"; and others. One can obtain a fairly comprehensive understanding of the subject in this small volume.